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Comments: My family and I very much enjoy being outdoors and participate in many forms of recreation, including hiking, swimming, bicycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. I have lived in Idaho my entire life and have owned a home in Valley County for over 20 years. This area is extremely important to me and I am passionate about Idaho and our environment.

I am appreciative of the ability to make comments regarding Midas Gold and the Stibnite mine proposal. Quite frankly, I have spent a considerable amount of time trying to think of a feasible argument against their proposal, and am unable to do so. I do not believe that there is any credit that can be warranted to those who are opposed to this as anything other than self serving or a lack of understanding. This is the only opportunity that presents itself to clean up this area. If the Forest Service fails to see the value in Midas Gold's proposal, and their ability to finally restore this area, I believe that the Forest Service should then provide the funding for the clean up at Stibnite. I have often said, if you don't support Midas, you can't say you support our environment.

Not only does Midas provide a way to clean up the millions of tons of mining tailing and waste, and bring restoration, but they also will create hundreds of jobs, that not only result in an increase of income and better standard of living for those employees, but increased revenue for indirect employment as well. After the significant loss of funding from the Forest Service and the logging industry, Valley County has struggled with roads and funding for many years. This would bring about a much needed boon for the public works.

I fully support Midas Gold, and Alternative 2 of their proposal. To not quickly move forward with their proposal is to be in direct opposition of our environment, our economy, and our community. I urge you to please consider what is in the best interest of our area, and approve Midas Gold's Alternative 2 proposal as soon as possible. This is a win-win situation for Idaho!